

In the Claims

The following listing of the claims replaces all previous listings of the claims.

1.-24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Amended) A pouch for use in preparing coffee, comprising:
said pouch being formed from filter paper and holding coffee grounds; and
said pouch having a pill-shaped central portion, said central portion being surrounded by
a flat annular sealing portion;

wherein a coffee machine has a well section configured to receive the pouch therein, the
well section including a bottom with a plurality of radially extending, channel-shaped grooves,
and

wherein the central portion of said pouch is configured to rest on non-grooved portions of
the bottom of the well section whereby, during use, water fed to the top of the pouch can only
flow out of the pouch where the pouch does not contact the bottom.

26. (Previously Amended) The pouch according to claim 25 wherein a bottom of the pouch
has a shape substantially corresponding to the shape of the well section.

27. (Previously Added) The pouch according to claim 25 wherein the pouch comprises a
disk-shaped top sheet and a disk-shaped bottom sheet which are interconnected adjacent their
longitudinal edges, the interconnected parts of the top and bottom sheets forming said annular
sealing portion.

28. (Previously Amended) The pouch according to claim 27 wherein the dimensions of the
bottom disk-shaped sheet from a center of the sheet to the annular sealing portion correspond to
the dimensions of the well section.

29. (Previously Added) The pouch according to claim 25 wherein the annular sealing portion
has dimensions substantially corresponding to the dimensions of an annular bottom part of said
container.

30. (Previously Amended) The pouch according to claim 25 wherein the well section includes an inner space having a diameter that is approximately equal to the diameter of the pouch.
31. (Previously Amended) The pouch according to claim 25 wherein the diameter of said central portion of said pouch is about 61 mm.
32. (Previously Added) The pouch of claim 25 wherein the diameter of a coffee bed formed in the pouch is approximately equal to 61 mm.
33. (Previously Amended) A pouch for use in preparing coffee by the passage of water therethrough, comprising:
said pouch being formed from filter paper and holding coffee grounds; and
said pouch having a pill-shaped central portion, said central portion being surrounded by a flat annular sealing portion;
wherein a coffee machine has a well section configured to receive the pouch therein, the well section including a bottom with a plurality of radially extending, channel-shaped grooves;
wherein said pouch substantially conforms to the well section and oppositely disposed disk-shaped portions, interconnected at said annular sealing portion; and
wherein the central portion of said pouch is configured to rest on non-grooved portions of the bottom of the well section whereby, during use, water fed to the top of the pouch can only flow out of the pouch where the pouch does not contact the bottom.
34. (Previously Added) A pouch according to claim 25 wherein said central portion comprises a ground coffeebed.
35. (Previously Added) A pouch according to claim 25 wherein the diameter of said central portion is about 61 mms.

36. (Previously Added) A pouch according to claim 34 wherein the diameter of said coffeebed is about 61 mm.

37. (Previously Amended) A pill shaped pouch manufactured from filtering paper and filled with ground coffee for preparing coffee in a coffee machine, wherein the pouch is arranged to be used in a container of the coffee machine having a bowl-shaped inner space bounded by a bottom having at least one outlet opening and a vertical sidewall wherein the bottom consists of an outer horizontally directed annular bottom part bounding the sidewall and an inner saucer-shaped bottom part bounding an inner edge of the annular bottom part, the saucer-shaped bottom part adjacent the annular bottom part sloping downwards in a direction away from the sidewall, wherein the diameter of the inner space of the container is approximately equal to 74 mm, and the diameter of the inner saucer-shaped bottom part is approximately 61 mm and that the pouch comprises a disk-shaped top sheet and a disk-shaped bottom sheet which are interconnected adjacent their longitudinal edges, the interconnected parts of the top and bottom sheets forming an annular sealing seam wherein the diameter of the pouch is approximately equal to 74 mm, the diameter of a coffee bed formed in the pouch is approximately equal to 61 mm, the annular sealing seam has dimensions substantially corresponding to the dimensions of the annular bottom part and wherein dimensions of the disk-shaped bottom sheet from a center of the sheet to the annular sealing seam correspond to dimensions of the saucer-shaped bottom part wherein a bottom of the pouch which bottom is formed by the bottom sheet, comprises a shape substantially corresponding to the shape of the bottom of the container.

38. (Cancelled)

39. (Cancelled)

40. (New) A method of making coffee, the method comprising:

- (a) providing a coffee pouch comprising:
 - (i) a top, disk-shaped filtering sheet;
 - (ii) a bottom, disk-shaped filtering sheet;

- (iii) the top filter sheet and the bottom filtering sheet connected at a peripheral sealing seam, together, the top filtering sheet, the bottom filtering sheet and the peripheral sealing seam defining a pouch interior; and
 - (iv) a volume of ground coffee present in and filling the pouch interior;
 - (b) penetrating hot water under pressure through the top filtering sheet into the coffee pouch to saturate the ground coffee to form a coffee extract;
 - (c) sealing the peripheral sealing seam and a peripheral portion of the bottom filtering sheet adjacent to the peripheral sealing seam to inhibit escape of the coffee extract from the peripheral sealing seam and the peripheral portion of the bottom filtering sheet adjacent to the peripheral sealing seam;
 - (d) releasing the coffee extract from the bottom filtering sheet of the pouch; and
 - (e) collecting a coffee beverage including the coffee extract.
41. (New) A method of making coffee, the method comprising:
- (a) providing a coffee pouch comprising:
 - (i) a top, disk-shaped filtering sheet;
 - (ii) a bottom, disk-shaped filtering sheet;
 - (iii) the top filter sheet and the bottom filtering sheet connected at a peripheral sealing seam, together, the top filtering sheet, the bottom filtering sheet and the peripheral sealing seam defining a pouch interior; and
 - (iv) a volume of ground coffee present in and filling the pouch interior;
 - (b) penetrating hot water under pressure through the top filtering sheet into the coffee pouch to saturate the ground coffee to form a coffee extract;
 - (c) sealing a peripheral edge portion of the bottom filtering sheet to inhibit escape of the coffee extract from the peripheral edge portion of the bottom filtering sheet;
 - (d) releasing the coffee extract from the bottom filtering sheet of the pouch; and
 - (e) collecting a coffee beverage including the coffee extract.
42. (New) A method of making coffee, the method comprising:
- (a) providing a coffee pouch comprising:
 - (i) a top, disk-shaped filtering sheet;
 - (ii) a bottom, disk-shaped filtering sheet;

- (iii) the top filter sheet and the bottom filtering sheet connected at a peripheral sealing seam, together, the top filtering sheet, the bottom filtering sheet and the peripheral sealing seam defining a pouch interior; and
 - (iv) a volume of ground coffee present in and filling the pouch interior;
 - (b) pressing hot water from the top filtering sheet through the pouch for extracting a coffee extract from the ground coffee present in the pouch;
 - (c) sealing the peripheral sealing seam and a peripheral portion of the bottom filtering sheet adjacent to the peripheral sealing seam to inhibit escape of the coffee extract from the peripheral sealing seam and the peripheral portion of the bottom filtering sheet adjacent to the peripheral sealing seam;
 - (d) releasing the coffee extract from the bottom filtering sheet of the pouch; and
 - (e) collecting a coffee beverage including the coffee extract.
43. (New) A method of making coffee, the method comprising:
- (a) providing a coffee pouch comprising:
 - (i) a top, disk-shaped filtering sheet;
 - (ii) a bottom, disk-shaped filtering sheet;
 - (iii) the top filter sheet and the bottom filtering sheet connected at a peripheral sealing seam, together, the top filtering sheet, the bottom filtering sheet and the peripheral sealing seam defining a pouch interior; and
 - (iv) a volume of ground coffee present in and filling the pouch interior;
 - (b) pressing hot water from the top filtering sheet through the pouch for extracting a coffee extract from the ground coffee present in the pouch;
 - (c) sealing a peripheral edge portion of the bottom filtering sheet to inhibit escape of the coffee extract from the peripheral edge portion of the bottom filtering sheet;
 - (d) releasing the coffee extract from the bottom filtering sheet of the pouch; and
 - (e) collecting a coffee beverage including the coffee extract.
44. (New) A method of making coffee, the method comprising:
- (a) providing a coffee pouch comprising:
 - (i) a top, disk-shaped filtering sheet;
 - (ii) a bottom, disk-shaped filtering sheet;

- (iii) the top filter sheet and the bottom filtering sheet connected at a peripheral sealing seam, together, the top filtering sheet, the bottom filtering sheet and the peripheral sealing seam defining a pouch interior; and
 - (iv) a volume of ground coffee present in and filling the pouch interior; wherein the diameter of the pouch is approximately equal to 74 mm and the diameter of a coffee bed formed in the pouch is approximately equal to 61 mm;
 - (b) penetrating hot water under pressure through the top filtering sheet into the coffee pouch to saturate the ground coffee to form a coffee extract;
 - (c) sealing the peripheral sealing seam and a peripheral portion of the bottom filtering sheet adjacent to the peripheral sealing seam to inhibit escape of the coffee extract from the peripheral sealing seam and the peripheral portion of the bottom filtering sheet adjacent to the peripheral sealing seam;
 - (d) releasing the coffee extract from the bottom filtering sheet of the pouch; and
 - (e) collecting a coffee beverage including the coffee extract.
45. (New) A method of making coffee, the method comprising:
- (a) providing a coffee pouch comprising:
 - (i) a top, disk-shaped filtering sheet;
 - (ii) a bottom, disk-shaped filtering sheet;
 - (iii) the top filter sheet and the bottom filtering sheet connected at a peripheral sealing seam, together, the top filtering sheet, the bottom filtering sheet and the peripheral sealing seam defining a pouch interior; and
 - (iv) a volume of ground coffee present in and filling the pouch interior; wherein the diameter of the pouch is approximately equal to 74 mm and the diameter of a coffee bed formed in the pouch is approximately equal to 61 mm;
 - (b) penetrating hot water under pressure through the top filtering sheet into the coffee pouch to saturate the ground coffee to form a coffee extract;
 - (c) sealing a peripheral edge portion of the bottom filtering sheet to inhibit escape of the coffee extract from the peripheral edge portion of the bottom filtering sheet;
 - (d) releasing the coffee extract from the bottom filtering sheet of the pouch; and
 - (e) collecting a coffee beverage including the coffee extract.
46. (New) A method of making coffee, the method comprising:

- (a) providing a coffee pouch comprising:
 - (i) a top, disk-shaped filtering sheet;
 - (ii) a bottom, disk-shaped filtering sheet;
 - (iii) the top filter sheet and the bottom filtering sheet connected at a peripheral sealing seam, together, the top filtering sheet, the bottom filtering sheet and the peripheral sealing seam defining a pouch interior; and
 - (iv) a volume of ground coffee present in and filling the pouch interior;wherein the diameter of the pouch is approximately equal to 74 mm and the diameter of a coffee bed formed in the pouch is approximately equal to 61 mm;
 - (b) pressing hot water from the top filtering sheet through the pouch for extracting a coffee extract from the ground coffee present in the pouch;
 - (c) sealing the peripheral sealing seam and a peripheral portion of the bottom filtering sheet adjacent to the peripheral sealing seam to inhibit escape of the coffee extract from the peripheral sealing seam and the peripheral portion of the bottom filtering sheet adjacent to the peripheral sealing seam;
 - (d) releasing the coffee extract from the bottom filtering sheet of the pouch; and
 - (e) collecting a coffee beverage including the coffee extract.
47. (New) A method of making coffee, the method comprising:
- (a) providing a coffee pouch comprising:
 - (i) a top, disk-shaped filtering sheet;
 - (ii) a bottom, disk-shaped filtering sheet;
 - (iii) the top filter sheet and the bottom filtering sheet connected at a peripheral sealing seam, together, the top filtering sheet, the bottom filtering sheet and the peripheral sealing seam defining a pouch interior; and
 - (iv) a volume of ground coffee present in and filling the pouch interior;wherein the diameter of the pouch is approximately equal to 74 mm and the diameter of a coffee bed formed in the pouch is approximately equal to 61 mm;
 - (b) pressing hot water from the top filtering sheet through the pouch for extracting a coffee extract from the ground coffee present in the pouch;
 - (c) sealing a peripheral edge portion of the bottom filtering sheet to inhibit escape of the coffee extract from the peripheral edge portion of the bottom filtering sheet;

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- (d) releasing the coffee extract from the bottom filtering sheet of the pouch; and
- (e) collecting a coffee beverage including the coffee extract.